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FAMILY STATEMENT

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STAFF SGT. GARY R. HARPER
Killed in action on Oct. 9, 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom

The Harper family would like to thank friends and members of the Special Operations Community for their sincere expressions of sympathy during this very difficult time. Your support is appreciated as we mourn the loss of Gary who was a loving husband, a devoted father, a caring son and a selfless Soldier.

We are sincerely touched by your concern and interest in Gary's life, his career and his sacrifice for our country. He gave his life for this country - protecting our freedoms, our families and America's way of life. Those with whom he served are willing to do the same. Gary always expressed the utmost respect and pride for his fellow brothers-in-arms.

We appreciate you keeping us, and all the other families who have endured the loss of a loved one, in your thoughts and prayers during our time of grief. May God bless the troops who serve to keep us safe.

The Harper family will not be granting any media interviews and asks for the respect of their privacy in this time of sorrow.